PRINT SYSTEM AND HANDY PHONE

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5   This application is based upon and claims priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-076267 filed on March 17, 2000, and No. 2000-088336 filed on March 28, 2000, the contents being incorporated herein by reference.

10   1. <u>Field of the Invention</u>

     The present invention relates to a print system in which a customer transfers image data to the print system through a network and a printer in the print system produces prints of the transferred image data, and more

15   particularly to a print system in which a customer transfers image data via a handy phone.

2. <u>Description of Related Art</u>

     A service is being provided in which a customer transmits image data to a shop using the Internet, and

20   the image data is stored into an image storing server of the shop. Alternatively in this service, a customer carries the image data into the shop and the image data is stored into the image storing server. And the customer orders prints from among image data stored in the image

25   storing server. Japanese Patent Publication 11-146308 discloses a technology in which an image is printed in response to print-order information. Japanese Patent Publication 11-205503 discloses a technology in which a photo laboratory, which performs printing, is chosen

30   based on recipient data, and also discloses a technology in which a photo laboratory is chosen based on photo laboratory's operating conditions. Furthermore, Japanese Patent Publication 11-154218 discloses a technology in which a photo laboratory is chosen based on print-order

35   information. Widespread use of the Internet and the digital image allows a photo laboratory to accept print orders from everywhere. However, a customer cannot yet